

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 19 cancelled.

Please add new claims 20 to 30 as follows:

20. (Newly added) A rotary slide valve for servo-assisted steering systems of motor vehicles, having an input element and an output element supported by means of a torsional spring and coupled to said input element with a limited rotational angle, and, fixed in terms of rotation to one of said elements, having a rotary slide and a control sleeve which, lying coaxially to one another, are provided with crossflow openings whose degree of congruence can be varied as a function of the rotational angle between the rotary slide and control sleeve and of which the control sleeve has an axial region which engages radially outwardly over the output element, said output element bearing a radial coupling pin which, inserted into a receptacle of the control sleeve, is held in the latter, tensioned by a spring, the receptacle, starting from an entry cross section of excess dimensions in relation to the coupling pin, tapers axially to a cross section region which is smaller than the cross section of the coupling pin, and the coupling pin is clamped into a position without play in the tapered cross sectional region of the receptacle,

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wherein the coupling pin is clamped axially by a spring ring which extends in the peripheral direction of the control sleeve and is assigned a clamping bevel.

21. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 20, wherein that the receptacle is open toward the end of the control sleeve.

22. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 20, wherein the receptacle is closed toward the end of the control sleeve.

23. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 20, wherein the clamping bevel is assigned to the control sleeve.

24. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 23, wherein the clamping bevel is assigned to an annular groove of the control sleeve.

25. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 24, wherein the annular groove has a flank which extends in a manner inclined radially inwardly toward the coupling pin as the clamping bevel.

26. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 20, wherein the clamping bevel is assigned to the coupling pin.

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27. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 26, wherein the clamping bevel is formed by a peripheral region of the coupling pin, said coupling pin tapering conically toward the control sleeve.

28. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in one of claims 20 to 22, wherein the coupling pin is clamped, in the direction of its coupling position without play, with respect to the control sleeve by an axial spring clamp which extends in the longitudinal direction of the control sleeve.

29. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 28, wherein the spring clamp is configured as a clamping clip, whose one spring limb acts on the coupling pin and whose other spring limb engages in a holding opening of the control sleeve.

30. (Newly added) The rotary slide valve as claimed in claim 28, wherein the spring clamp, projecting from a spring clip which can be plugged onto the control sleeve and engages behind the control sleeve on the peripheral side, is provided as clamping ring.